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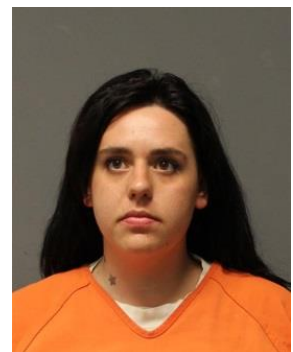


March 9, 2016 – UPDATE – SUSPECT PARKER IN-CUSTODY

10-month-old baby found to have effects of Meth influence resulting from Use by Parents – Both Parents now in-custody

UPDATE – Just before 1 am this morning, YCSO deputies were dispatched to the Lancelot Avenue home in Prescott Valley regarding a theft of services. A cab driver told deputies he had picked up Parker at a local casino earlier and dropped her off at the Lancelot Avenue home. Parker claimed she could not pay the fare at the time, but would get the money soon. Later calls to Parker by the cab driver went unanswered.

Deputies noted the Lancelot Avenue property was recently condemned and should not have been occupied. Deputies saw house lights on and believed persons were inside. They also noticed the APS Smart meter had been forcibly removed from the electrical panel and pieces of silverware were inserted between terminals to maintain and steal electricity. Deputies contacted the offsite homeowner by phone to confirm that the house should not be occupied.



Parker – March 9, 2016

After securing the area, deputies entered the home and found 42-year-old Christopher Rogers in a bedroom. Rogers was in possession of a debit card and a deposit receipt for a check deemed suspicious and indicating possible identity theft. Another male, 28-year-old Travis Ivy was eventually detained after refusing to exit the garage. Crystal Parker was also located in the garage. She initially gave deputies a false name, date of birth and social security number hoping to avoid arrest. Drug paraphernalia was found inside the home.



Rogers

Ivy

Both Rogers and Ivy were booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center, each for felony Trespassing. Parker was booked on charges including Child Abuse based on the previous case along with Trespassing, Burglary, Criminal Damage, Theft of Service x2, and Criminal Impersonation. At this time, bond has not been set for any of the suspects.

Rogers was in possession of a deposit receipt displaying the image of a \$3400 check in the name of the Lancelot Avenue homeowner. Rogers claims the original check was given to him by Parker who asked him to cash the check. Deputies are investigating to determine if the check had been forged and what involvement Parker may have in the transaction.

Media release issued 030816 - *Deputies seek Mother for Child Abuse charges- 10-month-old baby found to have effects of Meth influence resulting from Use by Parents – Father in-custody.*

On February 25, 2016, deputies were dispatched to the 6200 block of Lancelot Avenue in Prescott Valley regarding a couple physically fighting. Deputies contacted 24-year-old Tyler Varga who admitted arguing with his girlfriend, 24-year-old Crystal Parker who was not longer at the house. Tyler had his 10-month-old infant son with him. 2 other adults were also present and all showed signs and symptoms of drug use.

During a check of the home, a deputy learned there was no running water and also noticed a syringe on a nightstand in one of the bedrooms where the baby had slept. Tyler denied any connection with the syringe even though the deputy noticed fresh track marks on his arms. When deputies found marijuana pipes in the home, Tyler admitted to marijuana use.

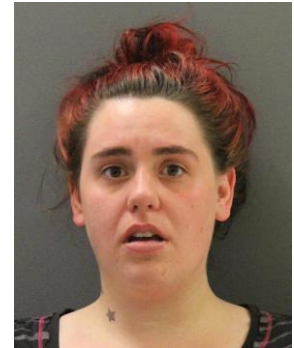
A representative from the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) arrived and determined it was necessary to take custody of the infant due to illicit drug exposure in the home. The infant was removed from Tyler's custody pending further investigation. Tyler was not arrested at that time.

On March 1, 2016, the DCS representative contacted the reporting deputy and advised that the infant tested for high levels of methamphetamine in his system. A couple days later, DCS personnel confirmed the tests on the infant revealed exposure due to constant methamphetamine use in the environment and indicated the infant was miserable and going through withdrawals.

On March 3, 2016, deputies returned to the Lancelot Avenue home to serve court documents related to the DCS case. Tyler was found outside and detained. Crystal was inside the home, but refused to exit fearing arrest. By the time deputies entered the home, they discovered Crystal escaped through a rear door and had jumped the back fence. She could not be found.

Tyler was interviewed again and this time admitted to ongoing methamphetamine use with Crystal by way of syringes. He denied smoking methamphetamine and could not explain why tests showed his infant son had ingested methamphetamine. Tyler was booked on a felony count of Child Abuse and remains in-custody on a \$10,000 bond.

Deputies are seeking the whereabouts of Crystal Parker and are asking anyone with information to call YCSO at 928-771-3260 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232. Refer to case 16-007277. Callers to Silent Witness are eligible for cash reward if an arrest is made based on the tip.



Crystal Parker, 5'07, 170 pounds, is WANTED by YCSO for Child Abuse – this is an Oct 2015 booking photo



Varga